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### 7 FAM 1790

## INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION

### Changes

1. **Summary:** This revised version of 7 FAM 1790 “Intercountry Adoption” addresses a number of updates to intercountry adoption policies and processes. Of special note are new sections that address Intercountry Adoption Universal Accreditation Act implementation, requests to confirm the well-being of and provide assistance to children in stalled adoptions, efforts to evaluate countries’ Convention adoption systems, potential adoption fraud implications in individual countries, and new procedures for adoptions of older siblings following the enactment of the Intercountry Adoption Simplification Act. Additional updates cover policy developments in intercountry adoptions, such as the Department’s approach to suspensions of adoptions from Convention countries and improved complaint procedures and investigation options.
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